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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Substitute Sequence Listing
2. Sequence Listing in Computer Readable form (disk);
3. Paper Copy of Sequence Listing (pages 62-79);
4. Official Gazette, June 23, 1998, 1211 OG 82; and
5. Return postcard receipt.

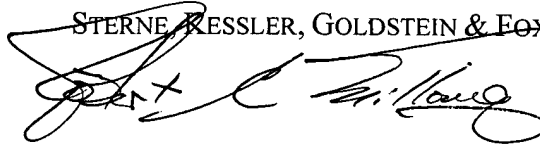
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Respectfully submitted,

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